

Germany halts supplies to Libyan plant

BONN (R) — Germany said Monday it had stopped two firms supplying equipment for a suspected new chemical weapons factory in Libya similar to the Ralba plant that Western countries say makes poison gas. "We have no reason to believe these firms knew they were dealing with a chemical weapons plant," government spokesman Dieter Vogel told a regular news conference. He denied any prosecutions were planned on charges of illegal arms exports. "About six months ago we got indications... that Libya was building a second chemical weapons factory and that many firms, mostly not from Germany, were involved in deliveries to build such a plant — West European firms," he said. The two implicated German firms were checked and found to be unaware they were working for a chemical weapons factory. The firms immediately agreed to Bonn's demands to stop any further deliveries, Mr. Vogel said. "One case involved tunnel-boring equipment and the other some cable — typical dual-use products which could also have been used for other investments in Libya and were declared as such," Mr. Vogel said.

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Iraq assails U.N. sanctions committee

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq protested to the United Nations Monday that its sanctions committee was preventing the Iraqi people from obtaining the daily necessities of life. "Iraq rejects and protests the method of work of the sanctions committee," Foreign Minister Mohammad Saad Al Sahaf said in a letter to U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali reported by the Iraqi News Agency (INA). Mr. Sahaf sharply criticised the committee for what he said was its repeated opposition to the import of certain items to Iraq. He said the U.S. and British representatives opposed "most of the offers submitted to the committee though they fall within the scope of the basic daily life requirements of the Iraqi people." The United States and Britain recently turned down offers from Jordanian companies to send Iraq textiles, wood and electrical appliances. Mr. Sahaf added. He said the committee had approved some of the rejected items in the past. Mr. Sahaf said Japan joined the United States and Britain in rejecting an offer to supply Iraq with 10,000 exhaust fans. He said he hoped the new U.S. administration under President Bill Clinton would react favourably to Iraq's offer of dialogue.

Rights group accuses Israeli army of 'summary executions' of Palestinians

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — A Palestinian human rights group accused the Israeli army Monday of carrying out "summary executions" of six Arabs in the occupied Gaza Strip in a two-week period.

Al Haq, the affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists in the occupied West Bank, said it had affidavits from witnesses to the three incidents refuting Israeli assertions the soldiers had been in danger.

"The evidence proves that Palestinians were executed whilst in the hands of the Israeli military authorities, having shown no resistance," said a statement from Al Haq. Only one had tried to flee, it said.

The army had no immediate comment.

The deaths, described by Al Haq as "summary executions," were part of a surge in violence since Israel's Dec. 17 expulsion of 415 Palestinians to Lebanon. Israelis have killed 44 Arabs in the period.

Al Haq said soldiers, accompanied by an Israeli in civilian clothes, handcuffed Yousef Al Ghoul, 30, inside a house in Gaza City on Jan. 27 and then took him to the middle of the

street.

"One of the soldiers aimed his rifle at the detainee and shot him dead with a burst of bullets," the report said. "To ensure that the detainee had died, the person in civilian clothes likewise shot a number of times from his pistol into the body of the victim."

On Feb. 5, an army jeep stopped a local car, Al Haq said. A soldier opened the back door of the car and "shot a round of bullets" at three young men. That soldier and another then fired in the air, opened the front door and shot the two Palestinians in the front, it said.

Three Palestinians died and two were wounded, Al Haq said.

On Feb. 10, four masked Palestinian youths were writing slogans on a wall in Nuseirat refugee camp when four men in civilian clothes approached. Al Haq said.

One youth with a sword was hauled to the ground, the human rights group said. The undercover soldiers shot dead one youth with an axe who was fleeing, from a distance of three metres, without trying to arrest him, Al Haq spokesman said.

"They then released a burst of bullets into the body of the first

youth who had been apprehended," Al Haq said, adding that both those killed were under the age of 16.

On Sunday, Israeli soldiers fatally shot a 16-year-old Palestinian and wounded another eight, the army and Arab reports said.

Amjad Masoud Hassan Mashaki sustained a gunshot wound in the head after troops opened fire when their jeep was allegedly stoned in Talousa village near Nablus in the West Bank, the army said.

Soldiers shouted at them to stop and when they didn't, they shot at them," an army statement said.

Mashaki was the 1,038th Palestinian killed by an Israeli during the five-year uprising.

Seven other Palestinians aged 15 to 35 were shot when troops opened fire in Dureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip Sunday, Arab reports said.

Israel's high court in a rare ruling Monday barred the army from demolishing an Arab-owned house in the occupied West Bank but said the building may be partially sealed, the Itim news agency reported.



An Israeli soldier Monday guards Palestinians rounded up after an attack on an Israeli in occupied Jerusalem (AFP photo)

Senate votes to curb law covering journalists' source of information

By Ayman Al Safadi
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AMMAN — The Upper House of Parliament (Senate) Monday decided that only courts of law can force journalists to reveal their sources of information "during trial of criminal cases and to protect state security, prevent crime and attain justice."

After a lengthy debate of article 6 of the draft press and publication law, the Senate voted in favour of a motion by Senator and former Prime Minister Mudar Badran that sources should be revealed only under a court order and "not to the judiciary" as proposed by the Senate's Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Badran made his proposal

after the Senate established that the judiciary sought to include the general prosecutor who, according to the committee's amendment of the article, among the officials empowered to demand that journalists divulge their sources during investigations.

Mr. Badran said that only a court of law can decide whether a case on trial relates to state security or whether the divulgence of a journalist's source can help prevent crime or achieve justice. Mr. Badran's proposal received the support of the majority of the 40-member Senate.

During its three-hour session, the Senate endorsed the recommendations of its Judiciary Committee on articles seven to 16 of the 39-Article draft legislation.

The committee recommended that the Senate pass articles seven, nine, 11, 12, 14 and 16 as approved by the Lower House but opted for the government's version of article 8 of the draft law.

As amended by the Lower House, the article says, "The government has to facilitate the job of journalists and researchers in looking at its programmes and projects." The government's version of the article does not oblige it to facilitate the work of journalists in reviewing its programmes; it simply states that the government would "work" towards that end.

The Senate amended articles 10 and 13 to demand that "those

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Expulsion crisis should not derail Mideast peace talks — Abu Sharif

TUNIS (Agencies) — The crisis sparked by the Dec. 17 Israeli expulsion of more than 400 Palestinians to Lebanon should not derail the Middle East peace talks, a top adviser to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat was quoted as saying in an interview published Monday.

Bassam Abu Sharif, who often floated ideas for the PLO leader, was quoted as saying by the Tunisian newspaper Al Bayan that the expulsions were a "side issue" that should not be linked to the talks.

"There should be on link between the return of the expellees and the continuation of the peace talks," Mr. Abu Sharif was quoted as saying. "There are four million Palestinians who were expelled from their land. I want to emphasise that this is only a side issue."

The Central committee of the PLO's mainstream Fatah move-

ment met Sunday to "reassess the situation in the occupied territories and the issue of the expellees," a PLO spokesman said on condition of anonymity. The meetings were expected to continue Monday. No final communiqué was expected.

Israel's expulsion of the Palestinians to southern Lebanon on Dec. 17 in retaliation for the killing of six Israeli soldiers by Islamic groups has stalled the U.S.-led peace talks for two months.

The Palestinians, accused of belonging to the Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements, have been living in a freezing tent camp outside Israel's self-styled "security zone" in South Lebanon. Lebanon refuses to accept them.

The United Nations Security Council originally ordered the Jewish state to immediately repatriate all the Palestinians, but denied my been linked to the fact

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Clerides beats Vassiliou in polls; Denktash urges quick personal meeting

NICOSIA (Agencies) — President-elect Glafcos Clerides kept a public silence Monday after his razor-thin victory while Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders Rauf Denktash welcomed his election.

Mr. Denktash, president of the breakaway statelet in the north of the island, invited Mr. Clerides to a "cordial" meeting that would help eliminate distrust between the two peoples."

Such a meeting would not solve problems stemming from the Turkish invasion of the north and occupation since 1974, but could be a positive first step, Mr. Denktash said.

Turkish Premier Suleiman Demirel said it was too early to comment on the Clerides victory.

Greek President Constantine Caramanlis told Mr. Clerides in a message: "I am sure that your long personal experience on the Cyprus problem will contribute positively to finding a just and viable solution."

Mr. Clerides, 73, narrowly defeated incumbent George Vassiliou Sunday in second-round voting at a checkpoint outside a lets town, a security official. In another incident, arrested four militants in Egypt after they had a Christian family with him.

broke away in 1983 and is supported by 35,000 Turkish troops.

Despite his call for an early meeting with Mr. Clerides, Mr. Denktash said resuming U.N. peace talks next month would be futile.

"The March talks have lost all meaning," he told a news conference in Nicosia. "I consider myself totally without authority in the matter of continuing the talks."

He said the election result meant that militants who favoured uniting Cyprus with Greece had come to power.

Mr. Denktash refrained from personal criticism of Mr. Clerides, who is old political sparring partner, and urged him to accept face-to-face talks, long spurned by the Greek Cypriots.

"I extend my hand to the new president of the Greek-Cypriot people in south Cyprus," he told Reuters, deliberately choosing language which challenges the legitimacy of the Cyprus republic.

"I invite him to come and have sincere talks here with us to see whether there is a way out of the stalemate into which (U.N. Security Council) Resolution 789 and the report of the secretary general and his map have put us," he said.

Mr. Denktash expressed con-

cern about what he said were election promises by Mr. Clerides to cleanse the north of Turkish forces and Turkish settlers and try to reverse a population exchange which took place between the two parts of the island in 1973.

He predicted that Mr. Clerides, who won Sunday's poll by a hair's-breadth, would openly oppose the set of ideas proposed by Boutros Ghali, the U.N. chief for a Cyprus settlement.

"One thing is clear. U.N. Resolution 789 has been gravely mowed down by the Greek-Cypriot electorate," Mr. Denktash declared.

Resolution 789, passed in November after the last round of U.N. talks with the two communities sputtered into deadlock, blamed Turkish Cypriots for the lack of progress and urged both sides to take confidence-building measures.

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U.N.-commanded force to deploy in all of Somalia

MOGADISHU (Agencies) — The U.N. said Monday that up to 25,000 troops would be deployed under its flag throughout Somalia, including the breakaway north, after the impending U.S. handover of command of the multinational force.

The United Nations Operations in Somalia (UNOSOM) force "will deploy in all of Somalia — the north, northeast, northwest and along Somalia's borders with Kenya and Ethiopia," U.N. spokesman in Somalia Farouk Mawlawi said.

He told reporters this was among recommendations U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali would present to the Security Council later this week. He indicated there was a "consensus" that the proposed deployment should go ahead.

The U.S.-led "Operation Restore Hope," sent into Somalia in December with a U.N. mandate to halt looting of food aid meant for two million starving people

and disarm warring clan factions, now numbers about 33,000 troops from 22 countries.

With the transfer of command, about 19,000 U.S. troops would be sent home, leaving a rapid-reaction force of 5,000 Americans and U.S. military logistical support.

About 10,000 other non-U.S. troops already in Somalia would also stay behind, supplemented by fresh forces that would bring the total UNOSOM strength to a peak of 25,000.

U.N. officials say the Security Council will define the timetable of the U.S. withdrawal and handover to UNOSOM when it considers Dr. Ghali's proposals.

But U.S. and U.N. sources strongly indicate that the bulk of the American troops would be out by the end of April.

Mr. Mawlawi said UNOSOM "will not be a passive peace observer group. It will have the

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Israeli-allied gunmen order villagers to leave their homes

TYRE (AP) — Israel's militia allies in southern Lebanon Monday warned villagers living near strongholds of resistance fighters to clear out and threatened to destroy one village if residents cooperate with the guerrillas.

Voice of the South radio, run by the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA), warned all villagers living near the strongholds to leave their homes until further notice.

"In view of increasing attacks by fundamentalist guerrillas, we advise all villagers living near Hizbollah strongholds to leave their homes until further notice," the radio said.

The radio also warned villagers reported earlier that Israeli troops and the SLA fired machineguns at suspected Hizbollah positions in woods and olive groves near the "security zone."

Hizbollah guerrillas launched attacks on the "security zone" Saturday on forward SLA posts.

"Such cooperation with the SLA will result in the destruction of Majdal Slem," Saturday on forward SLA posts.

Banned Islamist group claims attack on Algerian strongman

ALGIERS (AP) — Algeria's banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) has claimed responsibility for the failed weekend attack on Defence Minister Khaled Nezzar and the army-backed government vowed to "eradicate terrorism."

"This can be considered a clear and qualitative warning from the mujahideen to the desots who have openly fought God and his Prophet," said the front's statement, received by the Associated Press in Paris. It was dated Sunday, a day after the attack, and signed by exiled FIS spokesman Rabah Kedir.

The attack aimed at General Nezzar, though it failed, was one of the most spectacular among hundreds known to have been mounted by Islamic extremists over the past year. It was believed to be the first in which a bomb was exploded by remote control.

The FIS warned "the junta and those supporting it" of the "revenge of the Muslim Algerian people," and threatened more attacks "if God wills it."

Islamic extremists have targeted security forces in hundreds of attacks since a state of emergency was declared Feb. 9, 1992. The attacks are aimed at averting the thwarted victory by the FIS in

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Gulf states are key market for world arms merchants

By Ashraf Fouad
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ABU DHABI — With the end of the cold war the Gulf Arab oil states, whose vulnerability was laid bare by the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, have quickly developed into the most lucrative market for the world's arms merchants.

More than 350 weapons manufacturers from 34 countries had their wares on display at the opening Sunday in Abu Dhabi of the Gulf region's largest arms bazaar, the first International Defence Exhibition (IDEX '93).

Two years after the Gulf war, the Gulf Arabs are rushing to modernise and expand their defences despite curbs on spending due to cheaper oil, their main source of income.

The London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies says the Arab oil states concluded it was wiser for them to rely for security on massive arms purchases and the protection of outside powers rather than on uncertain regional alliances.

As a result, the region offers money-spinning opportunities especially to arms makers in the United States, Russia, Britain and France who have been badly hit by defence cuts brought on by the demise of the Soviet Union.

A private U.S. group that monitors the arms trade, the Safeworld Foundation, said last year Middle East states placed firm orders worth \$42.8 billion in the two years to July 1992.

The figure includes major non-Gulf buyers like Israel, Egypt and Turkey but the

lion's share of \$25.6 billion of contracts was obtained from Saudi Arabia, of which two-thirds were won by U.S. firms, it added.

Saudi Arabia has since signed further big contracts with the United States and Britain and its current arms kitty is estimated at \$5 billion a year.

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that stockpiling arms was "not the same as military power."

He said that when Kuwait was invaded by Iraq, 75 per cent of the available weapons remained unused in storehouses.

Gulf-based diplomats say threats — real or perceived — surround the Gulf states on all sides.

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Women from the West Kabul district of Afshar Monday show a copy of the Koran hit by a bullet during fighting and looting in the area (AFP photo)

Kuwaiti emir tightens penalties for corruption

KUWAIT (R) — The emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, has approved a law stiffening penalties for embezzlement and giving parliament the right to monitor state investments, the government gazette said Monday.

It said "law number one of 1993, regarding the protection of public money" also required the state and companies in which the state had at least a 25 per cent stake to report all investment transactions to government auditing authorities within 10 days.

The gazette said the date of the auditing authority could extend the 10-day deadline in some cases.

Parliament drafted the law and approved it last month in response to widespread concern over losses of \$5 billion from Kuwaiti investments in Spain.

Under the law, which covers crimes committed abroad, the maximum penalty for the most serious category of deliberate misuse of public funds is raised to life imprisonment; from 10 years and the minimum penalty to seven years from a fine.

Offenders who fall under the most serious category would be ordered to repay to the state twice the amount of any public money missing as a result of their actions, the gazette said.

The penalty for a less serious category, including negligent misuse of public funds and the delaying of reports of investment decisions to state audit authorities, would be a maximum of three years and a minimum of a fine.

The law gives the attorney general the authority to confiscate the assets of fraud suspects.

Afghan fighters loot homes during ceasefire

KABUL (R) — Islamic guerrillas Monday took advantage of a tottering ceasefire marking the fourth anniversary of the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan to loot the homes of Kabul residents.

In the shell-shattered western suburb of Afshar, government Mujahideen fighters picked through deserted homes and shops and carried away refrigerators, carpets and blankets.

The rumble of rockets and artillery shook the area in the morning and machinegun fire erupted around the abandoned Russian embassy in the south despite a ceasefire announced by the Islamic government and its radical Hezb-e-Islami opponents.

Pakistani peace broker, retired Lieutenant-General Hamid Gul, shuttled between President Burhanuddin Rabbani and Hezb-e-Islami chief Gulbuddin Hekmatyar to try to transform Sunday's temporary ceasefire into a permanent truce.

It was unclear who was involved in the morning's sporadic shooting and the city was comparatively quiet after four weeks of fierce battles that have killed hundreds of civilians and injured more than 5,000. One hospital reported 14 injured.

In the west of Kabul, where the army has made substantial advances against the Shiite Hezb-e-Hizbullah now aligned with Mr. Hekmatyar, a government Mujahideen fighter was leaving with an oil heater strapped to his back.

"This is good looting," one smiling soldier said as he pushed a cart loaded with a refrigerator and several tables.

One fighter grinned sheepishly when his companion said the cart they were carrying "is not really ours." Another drove a van loaded with blankets out of the nearby state orphanage.

Residents fleeing the area, devastated by months of fighting since the Mujahideen took power from the Soviet-installed government last April, told of robbery, looting and killings of Shiite residents by majority Sunni government troops.

"They came into my house and took everything," wept one woman who said her three brothers had been killed.

The guerrillas said they were retaliating for similar looting by Shiite Mujahideen.

"The Hezb-e-Wahdat looted our areas," said the soldier pushing the cart. "So we are just doing the same."

Kabul, which emerged relatively unscathed at the end of the 14-year war of resistance, has been the scene of some of the fiercest rocket and artillery bombardments of the war between rival Mujahideen parties since last April.

The injured were taken to Peshawar's Al Fozan Hospital, run by a Kuwaiti aid group, and to an Afghan-run hospital.



Gulbuddin Hekmatyar

Both Mr. Rabbani and Mr. Hekmatyar declared ceasefires to mark the departure of the last Soviet soldiers, who crossed the Oxus River from Afghanistan to Tajikistan on the afternoon of Feb. 15.

"Look at these Muslims," scoffed one angry resident of Afshar pointing to a group of Mujahideen loaded with booty. Some soldiers were looking for Shiites, many of whom come from the central Hazarajat region. Both Sunnis and Shiites have reported alleged atrocities and tit-for-tat kidnappings.

One Mujahideen fighter armed with a sabre stopped the car of a foreign reporter and asked: "Have you any hazards with you?"

In the social sciences institute, the former headquarters of Hezb-e-Wahdat leader Abdul Ali Mazari that was taken by the government late last week, soldiers showed the bodies of eight young Hezb-e-Wahdat fighters laid out outside.

"There are many more bodies around the hills," one commander said.

In Mr. Mazari's former office, portraits of the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had been slashed, bullets were scattered on the floor and Mujahideen were rifling through medicine supplies.

Arabs reported killed

Nine Arabs fighting with the guerrillas in Afghanistan have been killed in a clash in Kabul and 15 injured in the fighting were brought to Pakistan Monday for treatment, sources said in Peshawar, Pakistan.

The casualties occurred in a clash with government troops near Kabul's Bala Hisar Fort, they said.

Among those killed were a Palestinian, a Saudi, an Algerian, a Syrian and a Kuwaiti. The dead were buried south of Kabul.

The injured were taken to Peshawar's Al Fozan Hospital, run by a Kuwaiti aid group, and to an Afghan-run hospital.

U.S. firm bags \$300m UAE deal

ABU DHABI (AP) — The U.S. Westinghouse Electric Corporation has won a \$300 million contract to install a command-and-control system for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) air defence network, the Defence Ministry announced Monday.

The Pittsburgh-based company beat another U.S. firm, the Hughes Aircraft Company of Los Angeles, for the contract, which is the first phase of a major upgrading of the seven-emirate UAE's command-and-control system.

Jamal Sowaidi, the Defence Ministry spokesman, said that Westinghouse agreed to plow back some of the money into a joint venture in the emirates in the UAE's offset programme. He declined to give details.

The Westinghouse contract was the second major deal announced by the UAE at a

major arms exhibition, one of the biggest ever staged in the region, which opened here Sunday.

France's Giat Industries won a \$3.5 billion contract Sunday for 390 LeClerc main battle tanks, with 56 support and recovery vehicles, part of a massive armour upgrade by the Gulf Cooperation Council states — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

More than 350 companies from 34 countries are attending the five-day exhibition, and military sources said other major deals are in the pipeline amid a region wide arms buildup by the GCC states following the 1991 Gulf war.

Military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the new UAE defence command-and-control system will likely be integrated with those of other Gulf states.

Hughes won a \$92 million contract to build a ground-based early warning system for Kuwait late last year. It will replace part of the system Kuwait lost in the Gulf war.

It will link air bases, radar installations and communications networks into a centralised system for surveillance of aircraft entering UAE airspace.

The emirates' air defences include Crotale surface-to-air missiles sold to the UAE by France last year.

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Israeli general sees Iran posing non-conventional threat

TEL AVIV (AP) — An Israeli general has urged his country and the international community to "do everything" to prevent Iran from obtaining unconventional weapons.

Gen. Zev Livni, the head of a special command unit appointed in the wake of the Gulf war, said on army radio Sunday that the Israeli public was under increasing threat of attack due also to arms buildup in Syria as well as Libya and Algeria.

Asked about newspaper reports predicting Iran could have an atomic bomb by 1999, Gen. Livni said that Israel was "following all the developments, also in countries farther away such as Iran."

"Israel and the international community must do everything,

and only recently such means were proven against Iraq, to prevent Iran from arming itself with nonconventional weapons," Gen. Livni added.

He also said that "in any future war, if one happens, the home front must be seen as a potential target."

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J.S. experts say Clinton team should play more active role in peace talks

By Stephanie Genkin
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — As U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and his Middle East tour to help map start the stalled Arab-Israeli peace talks, the Arab world is anxiously awaiting a sign from Washington indicating the direction of the Clinton administration's policies in the region. The Arabs, however, should not look for major policy adjustments on the Middle East under Clinton's administration, which, according to two American experts on the region, would be similar to former president George Bush's approach to the region.

President of the Middle East Institute Robert Keeley and Vice President Paul Hare expect U.S. president Bill Clinton to continue the policies of his predecessor.

"But Mr. Keeley believes that the new U.S. administration should take a more active role in the region if it wants to push forward the Arab-Israeli peace process which was brokered by the former administration.

According to Mr. Keeley, a former U.S. ambassador to Jordan, there has been no ongoing reappraisal of the peace process, indicating that Clinton and his team will pick up where the Bush administration left off and push it.

Fearing that all parties concerned are growing impatient with the 15-month peace talks, due to lack of progress, Mr. Keeley believes that the new administration should take an active role.

"Personally I wish it would get more directly involved than the administration," he said.

Although Mr. Keeley does not advocate U.S. participation in the negotiations, he believes that the U.S. role should go beyond procedural responsibilities.

"I would like to see the U.S. propose formulae on its own," Mr. Keeley explained, adding that he did not favour applying pressure to Jordan one party to the upcoming year.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Princess Alia to attend graduation in Madaba

MADABA (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Bint Al Hussein will attend Thursday the graduation ceremony of the ninth batch of the Friends of Tourism at Princess Basma School in Madaba. Director of Madaba Tourism Office Ghaleb Maserweh said the graduates were enrolled in a course which was organised by the office in cooperation with the Madaba Education Department. During the three-week period of the course, the participants attended lectures by writers and journalists specialised in tourism. About 800 students have graduated from the programme since it was initiated, Mr. Maserweh said.

Jordan's delegation visits Uzbek President Karimov

TASHKENT (Petra) — Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid conveyed Monday a message from His Majesty King Hussein to Uzbek President Islam Karimov congratulating him on his country's independence day and inviting him to visit Jordan. Prince Ra'd, who is currently heading a Jordanian delegation on a tour of the Islamic republics of the former Soviet Union, discussed with Mr. Karimov issues of common interest between Jordan and Uzbekistan. Mr. Karimov accepted King Hussein's invitation to visit Jordan and praised His Majesty's stands on the various international conflicts and the Middle East peace process. Commending achievements accomplished in Jordan under King Hussein, Mr. Karimov said his government will do its utmost to enhance Jordanian-Uzbek relations. The delegation met with Jordanian students studying at Uzbek universities and conveyed to them the greetings of King Hussein. The delegation will leave Tuesday for Turkmenistan on the fifth leg of their tour.

Cabinet approves tree donation to Lebanon

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet has approved a recommendation by the Minister of Agriculture to donate 250,000 forest saplings to the Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture to replant the forest areas affected by the civil war in Lebanon.

Kabbari discusses labour law with unions

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Labour Abdul Karim Al Kabbari met Monday with Secretary General of the Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions Khaled Shreim and several federation officials and discussed the new draft labour law to be taken up by the Cabinet Tuesday. Discussions at the meeting centred on the news of labourers. The meeting also reviewed Articles 28 and 31 of the draft law, dealing with industrial relations, labourers' rights and the investment climate.

Bataineh attends Arabisation meeting in Bahrain

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian delegation led by Health Minister Aref Bataineh left Amman for Manama, Bahrain Monday to participate in a conference on "Arabising Medical Education in the Arab World." The three-day conference will discuss issues related to Arabising the education of medicine and medical sciences in Arab universities and colleges. The Jordanian delegation will present proposals on drafting a comprehensive plan for writing medical books and encouraging the translation of foreign medical publications into Arabic.

East Amman's needy to receive assistance

AMMAN (Petra) — Director of East Amman Social Development Department Adel Hijazeen Monday said the department recently conducted several social studies on needy families in certain Amman areas to define their needs and offer them urgent assistance. Mr. Hijazeen said social studies were also conducted on juveniles and beggars in the area to help solve their problems. The department, he said, plans on expanding its services and facilitating procedures facing citizens who apply for assistance.

Jordan's first oesophageal hiatus hernia surgery finds patient in good condition.

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — An Oesophageal hiatus hernia operation, the first of its kind in Jordan and the region, was conducted by a team of surgeons, led by Khalaf Raqqad, at the Queen Alia Military Hospital in Amman.

The patient was reported in good condition. Dr. Raqqad told the Jordan Times that the 55-year-old Jordanian woman who underwent the operation had been suffering from inflammation of the gullet for 10 years but she

will now be completely cured after the four-hour surgery which was conducted Sunday.

He said the patient will be kept under surveillance for three to four days before she can be discharged from hospital, because this kind of surgery has not been done before in the country.

Dr. Raqqad said a surgical laparoscope was inserted into the abdomen of the woman during the operation, one of the most critical and sensitive ever to be conducted in this field.

Following the success of this

operation, Dr. Raqqad said other operations on the intestines, the gullet and the stomach could be conducted using the laparoscope.

He added that he led a team of hospital surgeons in two surgeries for the excision of the uterus using the same technique.

He said he was assisted by Dr. Hassan Malkawi, Dr. Mohammad Daboubi, Dr. Mohammad Hammad and Dr. Hanan Khant in the two operations.

Dr. Raqqad was assisted Sunday by Dr. Hanan Rihani and Dr. Ahmad Arabyati.

International fraud meeting addresses growing problem

AMMAN (Petra) — Commercial

fraud has become complicated and inter-related to the extent that it now requires coordinated efforts by concerned organisations and nations to combat it.

He urged all concerned nations to facilitate the work of IIMB and to introduce laws and regulations to strictly deal with such crimes.

SAA President Tawfiq Kawar said in an address, the meeting in Amman was the first of its kind to be organised in the Kingdom.

International trading fraud committed by professionals is difficult to trace since the perpetrators involved assume senior positions in banks, insurance companies, chambers of commerce, shipping lines and other international organisations, Mr. Kawar said.

He said that acts of piracy,

which began off the coast of Algeria, have now reached the Red Sea, threatening inter-Arab trade.

The meeting, attended by international and regional experts in maritime transport and trade, reviewed a number of studies and research papers dealing with maritime fraud.

According to Mr. Kawar, Jordanian banks, insurance companies and merchants have sustained huge losses as a result of such crimes.

As recently as last December, Reversers reported that a Thai cargo ship was attacked by pirates who killed the ship's engineer and wounded its captain and two crew members.

Mr. Kawar said the ship had just left Aqaba with a cargo of phosphate bound for Sri Lanka and was attacked in international waters off the Yemeni coast.

Montreal Fund grants Jordan \$500,000 to protect ozone layer

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Montreal

Fund for the protection of the ozone layer is granting Jordan \$500,000 as initial step in helping it to find alternate industrial materials that cause no damage to the earth's ozone.

The Montreal Protocol also bans import and export operations involving all materials considered harmful to the stratosphere's protective layer.

A team of experts from the Montreal Fund is currently on its way to Jordan to meet with officials and visit sites and factories where harmful materials are being used, Mr. Oudat explained.

The experts will also work out a programme with the concerned

public and private authorities to provide regular help to Jordanian industries in avoiding the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) which destroy the earth's ozone.

The Montreal conference of 1987 decided to phase out CFCs by the year 2000.

According to Mr. Oudat the Montreal Fund team will stay in Jordan until February 24.

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Abdul Razzak Tabeishah last November attended an international conference in Copenhagen dedicated to finding mechanisms for the implementation of the Montreal Protocol.

Agricultural processing meeting to discuss Spain's experience

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of

Agriculture Fayez Khasawneh Monday said Jordan was trying to benefit from Spain's vast experience in agriculture in order to promote sales of its own agricultural produce to European markets.

In a statement following the opening of a meeting of Spanish and Jordanian agricultural production experts, the minister said Spain's know-how, particularly in cultivating and automated harvesting of olives, producing olive oil, and processing of agricultural produce will be the focus of the meeting.

Dr. Khasawneh said the discussions are expected to conclude with the adoption of a practical programme for future cooperation

in projects by the private and public sectors of both countries.

The two-day round-table meeting is being organised by the Jordanian and Spanish governments in response to a proposal by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan during his visit to Spain last May, said Spanish Ambassador to Jordan Juan Manuel Cabrera at the opening session.

The Spanish government has welcomed bilateral cooperation of the food processing industries of Jordan and Spain in the private and public sectors, and the meeting was the first fruit of this cooperation, the ambassador said.

The minister added that it is hoped that the meeting will result in closer cooperation between the two

countries in implementation of an agreement signed by Jordan and Spain during the Spanish foreign minister's visit to Jordan last year.

Mr. Cabrera said the agreement provided for cooperation in cultural, technological and scientific fields.

Dr. Khasawneh said Jordan's participation in last year's Seville Expo encouraged both countries to boost cooperation in other fields, including the food processing industry.

The minister added that Spain and Jordan have maintained long-standing cooperation in tourism, culture and science.

The round-table meetings are being held at the Amman Marriott Hotel.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- ★ Exhibition entitled "Modernist Still Life Photographed" at the American Centre.
- ★ Exhibition of watercolour paintings by Syrian artist Nazir Nab'a at Baladna Art Gallery.
- ★ Exhibition of paintings by the late Syrian artist Alfred Hatim at Al Balqa Art Gallery in Amman.
- ★ Exhibition of paintings by four Arab artists from the United States — Ghada Jamil, Belen Khalil, Suha Nouris and Afaf Zarayk — at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery in Amman, between the First and Second Circles.
- ★ Exhibition of photographs by Jean-Philippe Reverdot at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ Exhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist Hayat Jamil Hafez at Alia Art Gallery.
- Exhibition of Romanian textile machines at the Jordanian Textiles Company in Amman.

LECTURE

- ★ Lecture on "The Work of the German Protestant Institute for Archaeology, Amman" by Institute Director Susanne Kerner at the Ghoetze Institute — 7 p.m.

U.S. welcomes Jordanian exports

AMMAN (J.T.) — A drive by the Jordanian Trade Association (JTA) to market national products was welcomed by Douglas Neumann, commercial attaché at the U.S. embassy in Amman.

Mr. Neumann was quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, as welcoming trade with Jordan and calling for increased Jordanian exports to American markets as a first step to bolster economic ties between the two countries.

Addressing a JTA seminar held at the Amman Marriott Hotel Sunday evening, Mr. Neumann was quoted as saying the concerned U.S. departments were ready to offer assistance to facilitate the imports of Jordanian national products.

Describing Jordanian exporters and businessmen as ranking among the best in the Arab World, Mr. Neumann said that the U.S. was eager to do business with them.

He listed several U.S. commercial and economic institutions which Jordanian exporters can contact, adding that everything possible will be done to facilitate Jordanian exports to American markets.

The meeting, called to discuss means of increasing the volume of Jordanian products marketed in the U.S., was addressed by several speakers from the JTA and Jordanian businessmen.

Karak to survey area's poor

KARAK (Petra) — Karak Governor Radhi Ibrahim Monday chaired a meeting at the governorate house to discuss means of reducing poverty pockets in Karak governorate. The meeting, which was attended by senior officials in the governorate, stressed the need to conduct a comprehensive survey of poor families in the various towns and villages.

TENDER NOTICE

The Directorate of Projects Services/Ministry of Education announces the tendering of the following tender which is part of the American grant.

Tender No.	Title	Fees JD
1/93	Computer	5.000

Interested bidders are invited to collect tender documents from Procurement Division of the Directorate of Projects Services/Ministry of Education, starting February 13th, 1993 against the payment of the above fees.

Closing date will be 11:00 a.m. of March 20th, 1993

Head of Special Tenders Committee
Khalid Al Ghazzawi



His Majesty King Hussein confers the Istiklal Medal of the First Order on the speaker of N. (Petra photo)

King accepts N. Korean invitation

AMMAN (Petra) — His

Majesty King Hussein received Monday at the Royal Court Speaker of the Korean People's Assembly Yang Hyung Sop and the delegation accompanying him.

At the meeting, King Hussein stressed the need to enhance Jordanian-North Korean relations and cooperation in issues of common interest.

The King also reiterated Jordan's commitment to defending "the noble causes of freedom, democracy, human rights and peace. Third World countries, democracy and human rights.

Mr. Hyung Sop also commended Jordan's achievements under King Hussein.

At the end of the meeting the King conferred the Al Istiklal medal of the First Order upon Mr. Hyung Sop.

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Mr. Hyung Sop, accompanied by Mr. Zaben, was briefed on the establishment of the RSS and its national role.

He also visited the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) where he met with University President Kamel Ajlouni.

The two discussed scopes of cooperation between JUST and North Korean universities in academic and technical fields.

Dr. Ajlouni briefed Mr. Hyung Sop and the accompanying delegation on the establishment and goals of JUST, pointing out that the university had in a short period of time established cooperation ties with many Arab and foreign universities.

The Korean delegation then toured the university's various faculties and departments.

Jordanians, Saudis team up on waste disposal

only difference our police women have with those in the West is that they do not organise traffic.

Women entered Jordan's police force for the first time in 1972 with the encouragement of His Majesty King Hussein, seeking to widen their role in society and modernise Jordan.

Three years later, he gave them the right to vote and stand for Parliament and years later he appointed two women as ministers.

The women were given other duties.

Today women from 11 per cent of the Jordanian workforce with some of them working as lawyers, doctors and senior civil servants.

Mrs. Hammouka comes from a police family. Her father was a police officer as are her three brothers.

"Society has really changed over the past 20 years," she said. "Attitudes have changed, society has developed and people have become more educated. People's acceptance of police women has improved but

EUROPEAN SOCCER

Big club names endure lean weekend

LONDON (R) — Some big-name clubs were frayed across the weekend as three of soccer's best-known club leaders failed to forget.

Chelsea United, Barcelona and an illustrious trio who won five European Cup winners, could not summon up a win between them amid a flurry of penalties, sendings-off and bookings.

English title-chasers Manchester United suffered the most terrible fate, knocked out of the Cup 2-1 by unheralded Steaua United Sunday.

Barcelona had three players sent off in their own Camp Nou Stadium Saturday during a 1-1 draw with Atletico Madrid, while Ajax were beaten 2-1 by 10-man PSV Eindhoven in the Dutch League, the winner arriving six minutes from time.

In Italy, leader AC Milan drew 1-1 at Atalanta thanks to a penalty save by their goalkeeper Sébastien Rossi.

It was the first time for two and a half years that Milan have played a league match without any of their Dutch international trio Marco Van Basten, Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard. All three were injured.

Manchester United not only took the lead in Sheffield but also had the chance to keep alive their hopes of a league and cup double by drawing level at 2-2 when they were awarded an 83rd minute penalty.

The usually reliable Steve Bruce missed from the spot, forcing



Famalicao defender Carlos Fonseca (right) fouls Benfica's Jose Pinto (left) during their Portuguese Premier League match. Benfica won 1-0 (AFF photo)

United fans to concentrate on the possibility of a first league title since 1967.

Tottenham were more successful in their fifth round match, beating Wimbledon 3-2 after storming into a three-goal lead in the first half.

In Spain, champions Barcelona are now three points off the pace in the league table but the orgy of sendings-off against Atletico grabbed all the headlines.

Barcelona midfielder Jose Bakero was the first player to get his marching orders for a second

yellow card, quickly followed by Guillermo Amor who was shown the red card seconds later for protesting.

The tally of dismissals reached four in the last three minutes when first Juan Vizcaino of Atletico and then Ronald Koeman of Barcelona were sent off for cynical tackles.

The referee had to be escorted from the pitch under police riot shields as missiles rained down from the terraces. Barcelona have now gone five games without a win.

Brazilian Jose Bebeto missed a penalty as Spanish League leaders Deportivo Coruna had to settle for a 1-1 draw in an exciting clash with Osasuna in Pamplona Sunday.

Osasuna goalkeeper Roberto Santamaria saved the weakly struck shot from the league's leading scorer in the 39th minute.

The miss cost Deportivo a golden opportunity to pull further away in the championship. Their nearest challengers Real Madrid and Barcelona were both held to draw at home.

There were also a few prisoners taken in the Dutch First Division clash between Ajax and PSV which saw one red card, six bookings and a missed penalty.

PSV defender Jan Heintz was sent off early in the second half for a second bookable offence, but two goals by PSV midfielder Edward Linsens made up the difference despite a penalty miss by Brazilian striker Romario.

PSV lead the table on 32 points, with Ajax now three points behind in fourth place.

However, AC Milan remain the most consistent club side in Europe. Their 1-1 draw with Atalanta extended their unbeaten league run to 55 games and kept them nine points clear of nearest rivals Internazionale who drew 0-0 with Napoli.

Milan left it late, though, both the game's goals coming in the last four minutes. Jean-Pierre Papin scored for Milan, Maurizio Ganz replying for Atalanta.

Orlando win in triple overtime

ORLANDO (R) — Shquelle O'Neal was shaky at the start but awesome at the finish Sunday as the Orlando Magic conjured a 102-101 triple overtime victory over the New York Knicks.

The rookie centre was in early foul trouble and out-played during regulation. At the end of the first overtime, O'Neal forced Anthony Mason into a travel in the lane just before the buzzer. He blocked John Starks' potentially-winning shot to end the first overtime.

But as time ran out in the fourth quarter and then through three overtime periods, O'Neal dominated and lifted Orlando to a victory that snapped New York's seven-game win streak.

O'Neal, 20, finished with 21 points, 13 coming in the extra periods, but the "Shaq attack" won't rest on defence.

He blocked Ewing's fadeaway jumper as the buzzer sounded to end regulation. At the end of the first overtime, O'Neal forced Anthony Mason into a travel in the lane just before the buzzer. He blocked John Starks' potentially-winning shot to end the first overtime.

In New Jersey, Drazen Petrovic had eight of his 34 points in overtime, including the go-ahead shot, with just under a minute remaining, as the Nets rallied to Miami Heat 117-111.

Wayne Anderson added 22 and 10 assists for the Nets, moved to within four games of first-place Knicks in the Eastern Division.

Portland Danny Manning had 22 points and Ron Harper to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 96-86 win over the Blazers, who lost their 10th game at home.

Clay Roberts added 20 for the Clippers, who split their home-and-away series with Portland and had a three-game losing

Strickland scored 16 and Clyde Drexler had 14 for the Blazers, who have dropped of their last six games. Trail Phoenix by six



Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal

games in the Pacific Division.

In Los Angeles, Byron Scott scored 24 points to lead a mob of double-figure scorers for the Lakers in their Valentine's Day massacre of the Atlanta Hawks 135-96.

At Golden State, Jud Buechler scored 17 points and Tyrone Hill and Sarunas Marciulionis had 15 points apiece to lead a balanced attack that carried the Warriors to a 114-94 victory over the Washington Bullets.

In Charlotte, Kendall Gill scored 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Alonzo Mourning added 24 points and 13 rebounds. Detroit's Bill Laimbeer was ejected in the fourth quarter after receiving a double-technical for arguing a foul call.

games over .500. The loss was the sixth in seven games for the Pistons.

Mark Aguirre led Detroit with 23 points and Terry Mills added 22 points and 11 rebounds. Detroit's Bill Laimbeer was ejected in the fourth quarter after receiving a double-technical for arguing a foul call.

Seles, Courier, Becker win

CHICAGO (Agencies) — Monica Seles beat Martina Navratilova 3-6, 6-3, 6-1 Sunday to win the Chicago Slims, her eighth straight match victory of the year without a loss and overcoming a hold the Czech native has on the windy city.

"I want to know what Monica had for breakfast because I didn't play that badly and got whooped in the last two sets," said Navratilova, who has won 12 of 14 finals in her 17 Chicago appearances.

"The first time I played here, Monica wasn't even born," the 36-year-old Czech native said.

With frequent shouts of "go, Martina," the crowd at the Illinois-Chicago pavilion was clearly behind Navratilova.

Seles said she wasn't bothered by her opponent's fan support.

"In the first set, Martina just played well," said Seles. "In the second set, I said to myself, 'come on, I can play better.'

Seles, 19, has a 10-6 edge against Navratilova, including five victories in the last six meetings between the two left-handers. The Yugoslav native, famous for her grunting while hitting the ball, was making her first stop in Chicago since 1983 when she lost a first-round match as a 15 year old.

"I wanted to erase the bad memories of Chicago, losing my first match here four years ago," said Seles.

Navratilova's short game and powerful backhand stymied her opponent early, but Navratilova quickly fell victim to Seles' unrelenting corner shots.

"Once she gets going she is hard to stop," Navratilova said. "I lost a lot of deuce games, especially on my serve."

In Memphis Jim Courier battled through some mental exhaustion and another three-set match and held off 96th ranked Todd Martin 5-7, 7-6(4-1), 7-6(7-4) for the Kroger St. Jude international champion.

"It's very satisfying to win four three set matches in a row," Courier said. "It's very hard to do particularly after coming from a place like Australia. It's tough to recuperate and get ready to go, so I was very pleased I could gear up and fight my way through."

Courier, ranked No. 1 on the ATP Tour, had to deal with sleep deprivation the first five days after he returned from his victory in the Australian Open in the last week of January. That was followed by mental fatigue as he adjusted back to the United States.

He was taken to three sets in his three matches leading up to Sunday's final. Courier said being physically fit was the difference.

"Guys can go out and play three set matches and play at 100 per cent no problem. Everybody can do it — once. We're the guys who can come out and do it two, three, four, five days in a row," he said.

Meanwhile, Boris Becker won the 23rd indoor title of his career where he pounded Spaniard Sergi Brugera to defeat in the final of

the Milan tournament Sunday.

Using his booming serve to great effect, the second-seeded Becker won 6-3, 6-3 in one hour 20 minutes.

He earned \$112,500 for his troubles and 210 ATP points which could see him replace Stefan Edberg as the world's third-ranked player.

Brugera's clay-court game, based on touch and finesse, was no match for Becker's power, although he did manage to hold his own in the baseline rallies.

Fittingly, Becker blasted three aces in the final game to close out the second set and the match. It was his second ATP tournament victory this year after his success in the Doha event in January.

"I did not allow Wally Maser a break point in the semifinal nor Brugera one today and it makes me very happy to serve like that," said Becker, who dropped his serve just three times in the week.

"It makes tennis very easy because you can really attack the other guy's serve. That puts him under constant pressure."

Becker was asked if he had seen a spectator's sign which read: "The Davis Cup with superstars is like the Oktoberfest without beer," a reference to his recent decision to pull out of the German team for next month's tie in Russia.

"Yes, I did see that but I also heard that the Oktoberfest organizers were thinking of reducing the amount of beer they supplied, too," he said.

Peanuts



Andy Capp



Mutt 'n' Jeff



GOREN BRIDGE

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THE FINESSE'S NIGHTMARE

Both vulnerable. South deals.
NORTH
♦ A 9
♦ K Q 4
♦ A J 6 5
♦ K 9 8
WEST
5 3 2 10 9 4 7 6 5 3 2
♦ 9 8
♦ 7 4
♦ Q 10 8 2
♦ Q 10 7 5 4 8 3 2
SOUTH
♦ 8
♦ A J 10 6 5 2
♦ K 9 8
♦ A J 4
The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦

You should not judge a book by its cover, but you can certainly gauge a bridge player's talents by the way certain hands are tackled. Here's what we mean.

North-South reach an excellent heart slam via the auction shown.

Note East's preemptive raise to four spades on a hand that was not only trickless in high cards, but whose spade length detracted from partner's trick-taking ability. Not vulnerable, a six-spade sacrifice would

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

Polgar clinches match against Spassky

BUDAPEST (AP) — Hungarian teen age chess whiz Judit Polgar, the world's top-ranked woman, clinched victory over former world champion Doris Spassky by holding the Russian to a draw in the ninth game of their 10 game series. The draw gave the 16-year-old an unbeatable 5.5 points to Spassky's 3.5, with one game left Tuesday in which Ms. Polgar plays white.

English hero Moore faces toughest fight

LONDON (R) — Mention the year 1966 to any Englishman and he will wax lyrical about soccer, Wembley and Bobby Moore. The fair-haired Moore was the focus of an entire nation that July afternoon 27 years ago when England won the World Cup for the only time in their history. As he lifted the golden Jules Rimet trophy aloft, the England captain offered an image which has never faded in the minds of those who saw it. The shock news that the respected Moore is now fighting cancer has shaken a generation. The elegant former defender, who won 108 international caps, has been suffering from a bowel problem for some time. He underwent surgery in April 1991 in which a growth was removed but has now been told that cancer has spread to his liver.

Senna and Prost back in the F-1 championship

PARIS (R) — Three-times world champions Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost are back on the updated list of entries for the Formula One World Championship issued by the International Motor Sports Federation (FISA) Monday. The drivers were shock absences when FISA released the list last month without world champion team Williams, who have signed Prost and Briton Damon Hill, and any driver from their rivals McLaren. In the new list of 28 cars entered for the 1993 season, Brazilian Senna is the third driver for McLaren with American Michael Andretti and Finn Mika Hakkinen.

Finland's Sievinen sets 100th national record

HELSINKI (R) — Finnish teenager Jani Sievinen, who established three short course world swimming records earlier this month, has now set his 100th national record. Sievinen, only 18, set two new records at the weekend at national short course competitions in Finland. Despite some problems at the finish, he shaved almost half a second off the previous 50 metres butterfly record with a time of 24.22 seconds in a 25-metre pool Sunday.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 1993
By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Re-examination could be given now to a project to reveal weak lines. Discrepancy between the haves and have-nots may appear vast now.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Consider well the collections and payments you have to make and organise them sensibly or you can have confusion in the handling of them.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You want to get yourself in the best presentable condition but you need to make sure you use the right methods and persons to aid you now.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You have a plan of action to get out from under a situation that you do not like but don't be upset if it takes longer than you had anticipated.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 22) You think you can have a wonderful time today or tonight but it would cost far more than you anticipated and not be satisfactory either.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Now you find you are too apt to depend upon friends and acquaintances to aid you in mind.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) The outside world can be full of matters that you don't know just how to handle and you would be wise to approach anything of credit, career matters gingerly.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You need to make sure you are very watchful when on the highway or at any place where an accident could occur and avoid others

Romanians demand bread, pay rises

BUCHAREST (R) — Thousands of Romanians marched through Bucharest Monday shouting for President Ion Iliescu's resignation in the first workers' street protest against the government which took office in November.

Discontent over dwindling wages, soaring prices and growing unemployment has built up over the past month with a series of strikes and threatened stoppages, as well as quarrels between unions and the government during wage negotiations.

Many of the 3,000 workers who massed in Revolution Square in icy weather, also shouted slogans demanding bread and pay rises.

"We were cheated by this government," said union leader Aurel Stan. "We want jobs, better pay and an end to the misery in our lives."

The protesters sent the government and Mr. Iliescu a fist of demands — better welfare, new

jobs and minimum monthly pay of 41,000 lei (\$82) instead of the present 17,300 (\$35).

Protesters chanted "jobs, not unemployment," "resignation, resignation" and "down with Iliescu."

They marched through the capital with banners naming union branches from across Romania and daubed with slogans such as "where is the bread?" and "we want better wages, not lies."

The march was led by the "Solidarity '90" trade union federation, which groups 500,000 workers from many professions.

The confederation of Free Trade Unions (CFTU) which boasts more than one million members, has threatened national strikes unless the government accepts its demands on a national labour contract including a tripling of basic pay to keep pace with inflation.

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U.S. Dollar in International Markets		
Currency	New York Close Date 12/2/93	Tokyo Close Date 15/2/93
Sterling Pound	1.4205	1.4115
Deutsche Mark	1.6604	1.6617
Swiss Franc	1.5345	1.5470
French Franc	5.6165	5.6168 **
Japanese Yen	120.68	121.15
European Currency Unit	1.1740	1.1721 **

150 for \$1.00, London Opening 15/2/93, 10:30 a.m. GMT

Foreign Exchange Rates Date: 15/2/93				
Currency	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS
U.S. Dollar	3.17	3.18	3.31	3.08
Sterling Pound	5.95	6.18	5.75	5.63
Deutsche Mark	3.54	3.77	3.87	3.78
Swiss Franc	5.50	5.37	5.18	5.06
French Franc	11.75	11.75	10.75	9.50
Japanese Yen	3.12	3.21	3.18	3.18
European Currency Unit	9.62	9.50	9.12	8.82

Previous Month: Date: 15/2/93					
Metal	USD/Oz	JD/Gm	Metal	USD/Oz	JD/Gm
Gold	328.55	6.40	Silver	3.69	.080

Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin Date: 15/2/93				
Currency	Bid	Offer		
U.S. Dollar	0.693	0.695		
Sterling Pound	0.9773	0.9822		
Deutsche Mark	0.4166	0.4157		
Swiss Franc	0.4472	0.4494		
French Franc	0.1331	0.1337		
Japanese Yen	0.5713	0.5742		
Swedish Krona	0.0921	0.0926		
Italian Lira	0.0448	0.0450		
Belgian Franc	0.02021	0.02031		

Other Currencies Date: 15/2/93				
Currency	Bid	Offer		
Bahraini Dinar	1.6155	1.6350		
Lebanese Lira	0.03650	0.04088		
Saudi Riyal	0.1645	0.1853		
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.2250	2.2900		
Qatari Riyal	0.1678	0.1689		
Egyptian Pound	0.1950	0.2150		
Omani Riyal	1.7650	1.7800		
UAE Dirham	0.1878	0.1889		
Greek Drachma	0.51557	0.52545		
Cypriot Pound	1.3820	1.4015		

CAB Indices for Amman Financial Markets Date: 15/2/93				
Index	15/2/93	Cine	14/2/93	Close
All-Share	195.35		195.15	
Banking Sector	137.40		137.15	
Insurance Sector	214.56		214.80	
Industry Sector	275.10		275.25	
Services Sector	259.62		258.28	

London Exchange Rates Date: 15/2/93				
Index	15/2/93	Cine	14/2/93	Close
One U.S. dollar	1.2545/50			
1.6590/600				
1.8675/85				
1.5438/48				
34.24/28				
5.6110/60				
1549/1551				
121.13/18				
7.4950/5050				
7.0500/600				
6.3550/650				
One sterling	1.4145/55			
One ounce of gold	\$328.30/328.80			

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Monday.

Canadian dollar
Deutschmarks
Dutch guilders
Swiss francs
Belgian francs
French francs
Italian lire
Japanese yen
Swedish crowns
Norwegian crowns
Danish crowns

India offers Tajikistan more trade and credit

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao Monday offered \$5 million of credit to Tajikistan to boost trade between India and the Central Asian republic.

Mr. Rao made the offer to Abdul Malik Abdul Lojonov, the prime minister of Tajikistan, who arrived Sunday night on a five day visit aimed at improving com-

pany with India.

Despite tough security measures taken by the government to safeguard the country's main source of foreign currency, hoteliers and tourist operators say business is slack.

Mr. Sultan said militant attacks, in which one British woman was killed and two Indians and five Germans were wounded late last year, caused a 20 per cent drop in revenues compared with the same period

the year before. "Between \$60 and \$70 million is lost in receipts each month. The losses have reached about \$700 million so far," Mr. Sultan told Reuters.

"If that pace continues, the losses in the fiscal year 1992-1993 (which ends in June) will reach about \$1 billion," he added.

He said when calculating revenues based on government forecasts, the losses could be even more. Egypt had expected four million visitors for the fiscal year 1992-1993 and more than \$4 billion in revenues.

Mr. Sultan said in the year

1991-1992 an estimated three million tourists visited Egypt, generating \$3.5 billion.

Tourism activity is below average. There is a drop instead of growth. The drop has been between 15 and 20 per cent every month compared with the same period last year," Mr. Sultan said.

He said the tourism industry accounted for 30 per cent of Egypt's foreign currency receipts and 10 per cent of its gross domestic product (GDP).

Many employees in the tourism business fear for their jobs.

"If things don't improve many

people in the business will be without a job very soon," said one Australian tour operator.

The pyramids and ancient pharaonic temples — Egypt's main tourist attractions — are virtually empty. Luxury hotels, tourist villages and Red Sea beaches are quiet.

Egyptian hoteliers are nostalgic about the boom days. Boats and river cruises hide along the palm-lined banks of the Nile waiting for clients. Souvenir shops have everything except shoppers.

Michael Shepherd, general manager of the Nile Hilton, said occupancy at his hotel was 65 per cent compared with a full occupancy last year.

"Tourism has been badly affected. We have lost 50 per cent of our tourism business... things are deteriorating," he said.

"The fear of tourists is exaggerated, but it is still an understandable fear. I don't blame them. They are targeting tourists."

The government has boosted security measures by assigning well-trained police troops to protect tourist spots and hotels. Secret police cars patrol the streets of tourist villages.

Hong Kong stocks smash 6,000 barrier

HONG KONG (R) — Hong Kong's key stock market index soared through 6,000 points Monday, propelled by speculation that China is ready to start discussing the colony's political future after months of acrimonious deadlock.

The blue-chip Hang Seng index surged more than 200 points in afternoon trading before slipping slightly to close up 191.29 points, 3.27 per cent, at 6,049.44.

Brokers said the scramble began after local newspapers reported that Peking, which resumes sovereignty in 1997, was ready to drop its demand that governor Chris Patten must scrap his democratic reform proposals before any talks can begin.

Monday's close was the first time the index had risen over 6,000 since Nov. 17 last year as Peking stepped up a ferocious

campaign to force Mr. Patten into submission.

The reports, all in Chinese-language newspapers, met with a string of official "no comments" from both sides but no denials. With Hong Kong's overall economy still buoyant despite the row, buyers jumped back in.

"Investors had been waiting for a breakthrough to buy into a market of sound fundamentals," said Eugene Law, head of research at DBS Securities. "The reports were just taken as the breakthrough, although they are yet to be confirmed.

Two hotels have reopened and a few new-looking cars sweep through the dusty avenues.

U.N. tries to get convoy to starving Bosnian Muslims

SARAJEVO (R) — U.N. negotiators tried Monday to persuade rebel Serbs to allow a convoy through their lines to take emergency aid to starving Muslims in eastern Bosnia.

The Muslim-led Bosnian government and leaders of the Serbs have agreed to a ceasefire to let the 10 trucks through.

But a spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Belgrade said local Serb commanders were insisting that they had not received permission to let the convoy pass.

She said negotiators were attempting to get Serb agreement for the trucks to reach the Cerska area, where the UNHCR estimates as many as 25,000 Muslims are trapped.

They are among tens of thousands of Muslims cut off in eastern Bosnia since civil war broke out in the former Yugoslav republic last March.

The convoy set out from Belgrade Sunday but had to spend the night inside the Serbian frontier after it was turned back at roadblocks manned by Bosnian Serbs.

The Bosnian government has protested at the UNHCR's failure to reach the Muslims in the east by refusing to accept U.N. aid for the besieged capital, Sarajevo.

If the convoy gets through the UNHCR plans to send another to the area in a week.

Mortar, machinegun and small-arms fire erupted in the south of snow-covered Sarajevo at dawn but died down later.

The Muslim-controlled radio in the capital said occasional shells landed during the morning.

The Belgrade-based news agency Tanjug said Bosnian gov-

ernment forces had used mortars, multiple-rocket launchers and machineguns in an attack on Serb-held Ilidza, close to Sarajevo airport, in the early hours of the morning.

Sarajevo Radio reported fighting in other parts of Bosnia, including shelling and heavy sniper fire at Muslim-held Gradacac, 120 kilometres north of Sarajevo.

The snow around Sarajevo has hampered efforts to repair the city's war-damaged power lines by covering land-mines. It has also held up delivery of UNHCR relief supplies outside the capital.

Tanjug quoted rebel Serb forces in the Krajina enclave in Croatia as saying they had repelled attacks by Croatian troops in a series of artillery and tank battles.

Goran Hadzic, president of the self-proclaimed Serb republic in the Krajina area of Croatia, left Monday for talks in New York with international peace mediators Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance.

Croatian leaders were also due to go to New York.

But Mr. Hadzic has made it clear the Serbs will not give up their demands for an independent state carved out of Croatia.

"We are going to New York to explain that we cannot live together with the Croats," he said Sunday.

In a separate development, Serb police in Kosovo province have stepped up efforts to drive ethnic Albanians from the ancient Serb heartland of Peć, residents and foreign observers say.

An increase in police summons, beatings and nighttime raids appears linked to the success of radical Serb nationalists in recent elections, they say.



A Serb refugee consoles her grandson in a school in the Serb enclave of Krajina. Croat and Serb secessionist forces continued to trade artillery fire Sunday around Zadar, along Croatia's Adriatic coast (AP photo)

"We believe the terrible abuses are part of a policy to make life so unpleasant for Albanians as to force them to leave Kosovo," said British peer Lord Rea, who led five European parliamentarians and a Canadian deputy visiting Kosovo last week.

Ethnic Albanians make up about 85 per cent of the 1.9 million people in this poor southern Serbian province that borders Albania proper. But about 350,000 ethnic Albanians are said to have fled since Serbia revoked Kosovo's limited autonomy in 1989 and imposed direct rule from Belgrade.

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U.N. military headquarters have described fighting this year, mainly around Battambang province in the northwest, as the worst ceasefire violations since the peacekeepers arrived last March.

The Khmer Rouge, after a brutal four-year rule, have refused to abide by a Paris peace agreement between all four Cambodian factions, the basis of the U.N.-sponsored peace process.

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The U.N. spokesman said Monday that Phnom Penh's forces appeared to have captured several small villages in Kompong Thom and pushed to within two kilometres of guerrilla-held Kraya, another key insurgent area.

Despite continued unrest, more than 300,000 Cambodian refugees have fled from camps in the past, according to U.N. figures.

"The number of Cambodians who have returned are part of a joint U.N. Nations, UNHCR (U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees) programme today exceeded 300,000 people," the spokesman said.

More than 99 per cent of the refugees had returned from seven camps along the Thai-Cambodian frontier, he said.

The number included almost 2,000 Cambodians who formerly lived in refugee camps in Malaysia, Vietnam and Indonesia.

All 370,000 Cambodian refugees are expected to be repatriated by the end of March, a year after the huge operation began.

Japan has authorised a request by UNTAC military commander Lieutenant-General John Sander.

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Final returns Monday showed that the Japan New Party (JNP) candidate, supported by the Socialists and rebels within the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), won the election in Yamagata, northern Japan, by a margin of 40,000 votes.

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Instead, four conservatives, all with past affiliation with the LDP, stood for the governorship. The LDP national and prefectoral leadership backed the wrong horse.

LONDON (R) — Food manufacturers have successfully used television to change the way children eat, a British consumer report said. The Consumers' Association report found that heavily advertised foods are not just bought as treats but make up a large proportion of the average child's diet. Advertisements for fatty, sugary food far outnumber healthy eating messages and children ask for the products they see promoted, the report said. It said a child who watched British commercial television for an hour after school and all Saturday morning would see 92 advertisements per week for food and drink — a rate of nearly 10 an hour. "Food companies have an interest in catching consumers young. In their eyes, your kids are an expanding market," David Dickinson, editor of the association's magazine, which published the report, said. British companies spent more \$460 million (\$660 million) advertising food and soft drinks on television in 1990.

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